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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1372

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION OF PRODUCTION CUTBACK AND EMBARGO

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1. INITIAL APPLICAON OF CUTBACK AT OASIS, LARGEST
PRODUCER IN LIBYA, WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IMPOSED BY
AMOSEAS' LIBYAN MANAGEMENT, I.E. OASIS TOOK FIVE
PERCENT OF SEPTEMBER'S 818,PPP B/D AVERAGE PRODUCTION
AND SUBTRACTED THIS QUANTITY FROM OCTOBER'S PEAK
881,000 B/D PRODUCTION; RESULTING NET WAS APPROXIMATELY
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840,000 B/D. THIS ARITHMETIC WAS WORKED OUT WITH

AGREEMENT OF OASIS' LIBYAN CHAIRMAN HAWISA. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE OTHER LIBYAN MEMBER OF OASIS' "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE" WENT TO MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM TO SEEK APPLICATION OF FORMULA SIMILAR TO THAT IMPOSED ON OCCIDENTAL, I.E. REDUCTION OF PRODUCTION TO SEPTEMBER LEVEL AND THEN A FURTHER REDUCTION OF FIVE PERCENT, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY 777,000 B/D TOTAL OF OASIS PRODUCTION. OSIS AMERICAN PRESIDENT, ASSISTED BY HAWISA, STILL ARGUING CASE AND CONTINUING MAXIMUM PRODUCTION POSSIBLE PENDING A FINAL RULING FROM THE MINISTRY.

2. OASIS' EXPERIENCE WITH EMBARGO ON SALES TO U.S. IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF OCCIDENTAL AND AMOSEAS. LIBYANS NOT REPEAT NOT CONCERNED WITH SHIPMENTS GOING INDIRECTLY TO THE U.S. THEIR ONLY OBJECTION IS TO SHIPMENTS CLEARLY DOCUMENTED AS BOUND FOR U.S. PORTS.

3. LIBYA HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED EMBARGO ON ANY OTHER COUNTRY, THOUGH LAST WEEK NETHERLANDS CHARGE CALLED DOWN TO MFA FOR A WARNING THAT AN EMBARGO MAY BE IMPOSED THIS WEEK. CHARGE TELLS ME IT WAS NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT GON EXPECTED TO DO TO AVERT AN EMBARGO. MFA COMPLAINT WAS GENERAL, TO THE EFFECT GON, PARLIAMENT AND PUBLIC, WERE "PRO-ISRAEL." RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS IN HOLLAND FOR ISRAEL WAS MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING.

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